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TAGS: ELAB, PINT, CE

SUBJ: UF'S "DIVIDED WE STAND" PRINCIPLE HIGHLIGHTS MAY  
DAY CELEBRATIONS

1. FOLLOWING WELL-ORGANIZED SIX-HOUR PROCESSION BY UNITED  
FRONT AFFILIATED LABOR UNIONS, CROWD ESTIMATED AT 250,000  
WAS TREATED TO SERIES OF DIALOGUES OF THE DEAF BY LEADING  
UF POLITICIANS AND LABOR LEADERS ON MAJOR ISSUES CONFRONTING  
BANDARANAIKE MINISTRY. ACTING PM MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE LED  
OFF MASS RALLY BY WARNING OF UF COLAITION'S INTERNAL RIFTS.  
SUCCESSIVE SPAKERS CONFRIMED SENANAYEKE'S FEARS BY PRESENTING  
DIVERGENT VIEWS ONNEED FOR ELECTIONS IN 1977, LANKA SAMA  
SAMAJA (LSSP) - BACKED PRIVATE ARMIES  
PROPOSAL, AND UF'S NEXT STEPS IN MARCH TO SOCIALISM. LONG-  
GESTATING CHARTER OF WORKERS RIGHTS, PUBLISHED FOR MAY DAY,  
DREW LITTLE ATTENTION, AS DID PROSPECTS FOR IMPLENTING JCTUO "28  
DEMANDS." IN SEPARATE RALLY UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP)  
SUPPORTERS HEARD LEADV OF OPPOSITION J.R. JAYAWARDENE  
(A) PLEDGE SWEEPING NATIONALIZATION OF "BOOT LICKING"  
BUSINESSMEN WHO REEJILY CHANGE FLAGS, AND (B) DEMAND EARLY  
ELECTIONS. HPPORT FOR "PRG" VIETNAM "LIBERATION" WAS  
REFLECTED IN ALL QUARTERS.

2. MUCH-PUBLICIZED COMPETITION BETWEEN KUMAR RUPASINGHE  
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AND ANURA BANDARANAIKE EXPRESSED ITESELF ONLY IN THEIR

CADRES' EFFORTS TO OUTDO EACH OTHER IN MARCHING, MUSCLES, AND DANCING. MAXIMUM POLICE SECURITY MEASURES WERE IN EFFECT, AND NO SIGNIFICANT VIOLENCE HAS BEEN REPORTED. NUMEROUS LSSP, COMMUNIST PARTY (CP), AND JANAVEGAYA BANNERS WARNING PRIME MINISTER AGAINST DIALOGUE WITH UNP UNDOUBTEDLY SUMMARIZED LEFTISTS' INCENTIVE FOR LARGE TURN-OUT. PRIME MINISTER, BY HER ABSENCE, WAS SPARED NEED TO RESPOND FOR THE MOMENT.  
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